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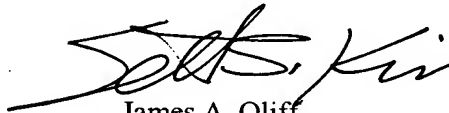
Sir:

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The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject Form PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, copies of the August 11, 2003 filing, including a signed copy of the IDS, Form PTO-1449, and the three submitted references with abstracts and translations are attached. The stamped receipt showing the receipt of the August 11, 2003 filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is also attached.

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